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8.	Pune-Nagar-Nashik	Survey completed in 2000-01. Project could not be taken up due to unremunerative nature and constraint of resources.
9.	Solapur-Tuljapur-Osmanabad	Survey completed in 2004-05. Project could not be taken up due to unremunerative nature and constraint of resources.
10.	Miraj-Kavthe Mahankal Jat-Vijapur Miraj-Tasgaon Vita-Phalton-Baramati	Survey not sanctioned.
11.	Ghatnandur to Parli new line	Survey not sanctioned.
12.	Kalyan to Malshej Ghat *via* Ahmednagar	Survey taken up.
13.	Malkapur-Solapur	Survey not sanctioned.
14.	Rotegaon-Puntamba	Survey taken up.
15.	Kanakavli-Kolhapur	Survey not sanctioned.
16.	Kolhapur-Ratnagiri	Survey completed in 2000-01. Project could not be taken up due to unremunerative nature and constraint of resources.
17	Karad-Chiplum	Survey taken up.
18.	Jalna-Khamgaon	Survey completed in 2001-02. Project could not be taken up due to unremunerative nature and constraint of resources.
19.	Dhule-Nardhana	Survey completed.
20.	Barshi-Beed-Jalna-Hingoli-Yavatmal-Wardha	Survey not sanctioned. However, Wardha-Yavatmal-Pusad-Nanded included in the Budget 2008-09.
21	Wadsa- Armori - Gadchiroli	Survey completed.

Conversion of Chennai Central and Tiruchirapalli stations to World Class

2581. SHRI N. BALAGANGA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has commenced the work of stations namely Chennai Central and Tiruchirapalli in Tamil Nadu for conversion into World Standard level; and

(b) if so, the details of allocation made for the above projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) Chennai Central has been identified for development into World Class Station through Public Private Partnership (PPP) by leveraging the real-estate potential of the land around and the air space above the station. Action for appointment of consultant for preparation of Master Plan and Feasibility Report has been taken.

As regards to Tiruchirapalli Jn., the same has been taken up for development as a Adarsh Station. A Multi-functional Complex is also planned at Tiruchirapalli Jn.

Development of high yielding seeds of pulses and oilseeds

2582. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA A. HEPTULLA:
SHRI N.K. SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the Agriculture sector accounted for only 17 per cent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the country;

(b) if so, whether there is a need to develop new high yielding seeds, especially of pulses and oilseeds, to increase the share of Agriculture sector in GDP; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to encourage agriculture scientists to develop new/ varieties of seeds of pulses and oilseeds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.V. THOMAS): (a) Yes, Sir. As per the Revised Estimate for 2008-09 released by the Central Statistical Organization, Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at constant (1999-2000) prices for Agriculture & allied sectors accounts for 17 percent of total GDP.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. One of the thrust areas of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is refinement of seed-production technologies and production of breeder seed with added emphasis on hybrid cultivars. New initiatives like development of Cytoplasmic Male Sterlity (CMS) based hybrids in pigeonpea, pyramiding of resistance genes for stable and durable resistance etc. and providing need based funds for research have been taken up. Research programmes like conservation of agriculture, precision farming, Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) technologies are also under priority research. Scientists are encouraged to receive the training in advanced laboratories.

Railway Committees

2583. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:
SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of leading intellectuals have been asked to head Railway Committees;

(b) if so, the details of the Committees including names of the Chairmen and the Members; and

(c) the details of functions, status, remunerations and perquisites of Chairmen and Members of the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.V. THOMAS): (a) A Committee on Heritage and Culture headed by Ms Saoli Mitra has been formed.

(b) and (c) The details of the Committee, its composition, Terms of reference (functions), remunerations and other perquisites/status etc., are given in Statement.